

Crescent City Connection

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ACT No. 866

- Effective January 1, 2013
- Abolishes Mississippi River Bridge Authority
- Terminates Crescent City Connection Division
- Creates Crescent City Transition Fund
 - Toll Fund Balance as of December 31, 2012
 - **First \$4M for CCCD Ferry Capitalization**
 - Balance to NORPC for lighting, landscaping, grass cutting, trash pickup, improvements to ingress/egress

ACT No. 866

- **DOTD may take over, control, operate, and regulate the Crescent Connection City Ferries**
- **DOTD may privatize, franchise, or enter into a contract for ferry services**
 - **Alone or jointly with parishes or municipalities**
 - **Appoints NORPC as an advisor to ferry service contractor**

ACT No. 865

- Effective January 1, 2013
- Creates a Special Fund, Crescent City Connection (CCC) Toll Fund
 - Source is Tolls, Administrative Fees, and Late Charges Collected
 - Not less than \$10M Annually into CCC Capital Projects (CP) Fund
 - Not to Exceed \$2M Annually to DPS for Police Functions

ACT No. 865

- CP Fund for US 90Z between I-10 and US 90
 - Repainting of Bridge No. 2
 - Harvey Tunnel Rehabilitation
 - Ingress and Egress Capacity at Annunciation, Barataria , Tchoupitoulas, MacArthur Interchange
- Use of Best Practices and Applicable State Laws in Executing Contracts for Procurement, Engineering, and Other

ACT No. 865

- **New Orleans Regional Planning Commission**
 - Shall Prioritize Projects for CP Fund
 - Advisory Authority for:
 - Collection of Tolls
 - Recommendations for Operations and Maintenance
 - Have access to all expenditures, revenues, project priorities, status of ongoing project, other matters
 - Advisory Authority for Privatization
 - **Provides direction on Ferry Service**

ACT No. 865

- **Creates the Algiers-Canal Street Ferry Fund**
 - Derived from collection of registration and license fees and taxes collected in the Parish of Orleans
 - Exclusively for Algiers-Canal Street Ferry
 - Subject to annual appropriation by the legislature
 - Unexpended monies to remain in fund

ACT No. 865

- **All fares collected shall be solely for CCC ferry operations**
- **NORPC may set tourist rate or non-commuter ferry rate**
- **DOTD to use best practices if ferry service not privatized**

CCCCD Restructuring Overview

- Transfer Police to Louisiana State Police
- Bridge/Roadway Inspection, Maintenance, and Operations to District 02
- HOV Lane Operation to District 02
- Tolling Operations to Section 56, Intelligent Transportation Systems

CCCCD Restructuring Overview

- **Ferry Operations to Section 42**
- Financial and Accounting to Office of Management and Finance

Toll Funded Operations

- Lighting
- Mowing
- Litter Collection
- Landscape Maintenance
- Trash Can Maintenance
- Pump Station Operation and Maintenance

Toll Funded Operations

- Drainage Maintenance
- Street Sweeping
- Bridge Drain and Joint Maintenance/Cleaning
- HOV Lane Operation
- Guardrail and Attenuator Repair

Toll Collection Operations

- Toll Collections
- Count Teams
- Back Office Reconciliation
- Call Centers
- Customer Service Center
- Violation Processing

Toll Collection Operations

- Integrated Electronic Toll Collection System Maintenance and Operations Support
 - Vendors and Contractors
 - Engineering
 - IT Support
- Toll Plaza Operation and Maintenance
- Contract Administration

Future Plans for Toll Collection Operations

- Initiate a Marketing Plan to Increase use of Toll Tags (GeauxPass)
- Implement software enhancement to improve customer service, email and letter notifications of account status
- Improve Toll Lane Signage and Striping at CCC Toll Plaza

Future Plans for Toll Collection Operations

- Reduce the number of Cash Lanes at CCC Toll Plaza
- Consider Possibility of Expanded Marketing Techniques and Simplification of the Violation Process
- Procure Third Party Collections of Violations and Armored Car Services

Future Plans for Toll Collection Operations

- Evaluate Outsourcing:
 - Call Centers
 - Customer Service Center
 - Violation Processing and Collections
 - Back Office Operations
- Engage in Interoperability Opportunities with other Tolling Entities

Estimated Revenues

- Approximately \$20 - 21M **Gross** Toll Revenues
 - Less \$10M for Capital Projects
 - Less up to \$2M for LSP
- Estimated \$8 - 9M Remaining for O&M Costs and Services
- Unused roll-over for additional Capital Projects at the end of each FY

Estimated Annual Costs

- Toll Collections – Approx. \$4 - 5M
- Lighting – Approx. \$800K
- Mowing, Litter Collection, Landscape Maintenance – Approx. \$1.0 M
- Other Roadway Maintenance – Approx. \$700K
- Insurance – Approx. \$550K
- Administration – Approx. \$600K

Project Update

- MacArthur Interchange (aka Peters Road Ramps)
 - Phase 1
 - Notice to Proceed: 9/21/2012
 - % Complete
 - Expected Completion: 5/10/2013
 - Phase 2 Bid Letting Date: Summer 2013
 - Construction Starting Late 2013



Project Update

- Barataria Improvement
 - Interim Improvements will add:
 - Additional Turn Lane from Westbound Westbank Expressway to Avenue D
 - Third Through Lane along Southbound Barataria
 - Final Configuration will consist of:
 - 2 turn lanes from Southbound Barataria to Eastbound WestBank Expressway
 - 3 Through Lanes on Southbound Barataria

Project Update

- Barataria Improvement
 - Bids are scheduled to be received on 2/13/13
 - Work is expected to be completed this summer project
- Barataria Blvd Flyover Ramp
 - Researching Prior Project Development Work Performed under JP Oversight

Project Update

- Painting of Bridge #2 Main Spans
 - Subject to Approval of RPC
 - Planning and Preliminary Design Work is beginning
 - Initial Estimate and Schedule
 - Costs: +\$49.0 M
 - Bidding Letting Date: Late 2013/Early 2014
 - Construction Beginning in 2014

Project Update

- Tunnel Rehab Project
 - Subject to Approval from RPC
 - Planning and Preliminary Design Work is Beginning
 - Initial Estimate and Schedule
 - Costs: +\$7.0 M
 - Bidding Letting Date: Late 2013 /Early 2014
 - Construction Beginning in First Half of 2014
 - Needs to be coordinated with MacArthur Interchange (Peters Road Ramp) Project

Operations Update

- Re-Striping of US 90 Near the Superdome
 - Choke Point located near the Touchpitulas / Annunciation On-ramp
 - Basic Problem is Capacity
 - Detailed Traffic Study by Consultant Nearing Completion

Operations Update

- GeauxPass (aka Toll Tag) Sales
 - Marketing Plan being developed
 - Implementation in February and March
 - Assessing Third Party Distribution

Operations Update

- CEA on Mowing, Litter Collection, Landscape Maintenance in Jefferson Parish
 - JP Proposal combined into standard DOTD agreement language
 - Ready for Submittal to JP for Final Review and Signature
 - Agreement Term Coincides with Fiscal Year
 - First Term will be from April 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013

Questions ??

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